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Examiner:

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION

REQUIREMENT

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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant

: Shinji OHUCHI et al.

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For

SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS

AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING

THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the Election Requirement dated March 26, 2004, applicant elects Species 1, i.e., the subject matter of claims 1-10, drawn to embodiments 1 and 2 as depicted in Figures 3 and 9 of the application. The election is without traverse.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

April 20, 2004

Date

Respectfully submitted,

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